

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings containing Figs. 5-6 include changes to Figs. 5A, 5B and 5C. This sheet, which includes Figs. 5-6, replaces the sheet including Figs. 5-6 submitted with the Amendment of July 24, 2003. Fig. 5A is being amended to further define the tapered leading end of the implant and Figs. 5B and 5C are being amended to eliminate the rounded ends of the implant shown therein.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

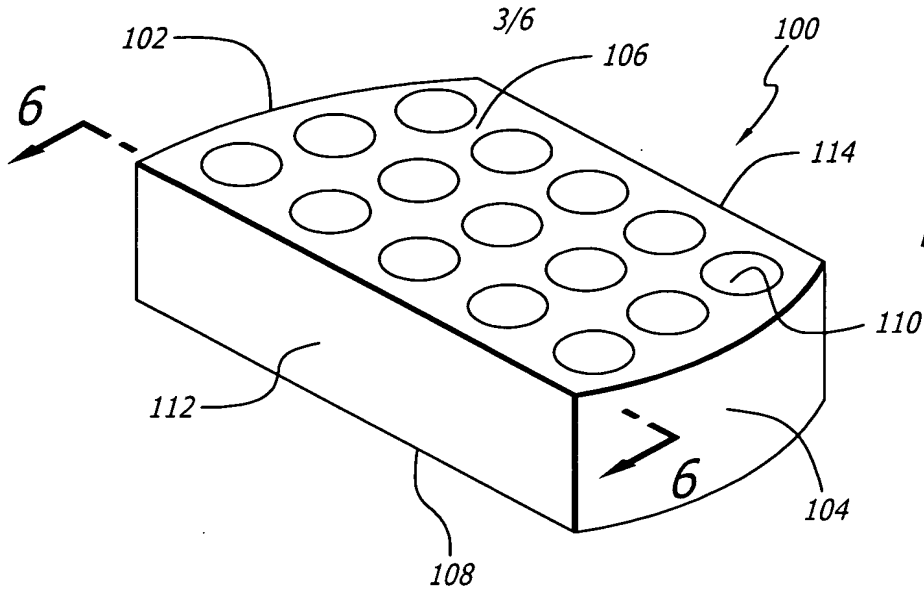


FIG. 5

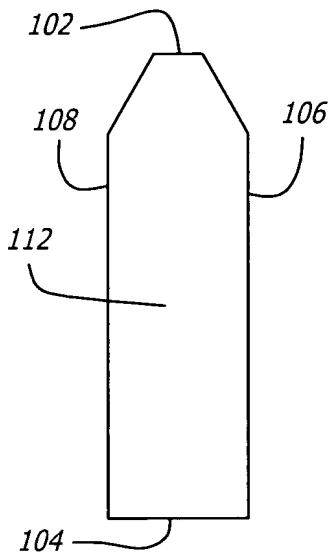


FIG. 5A

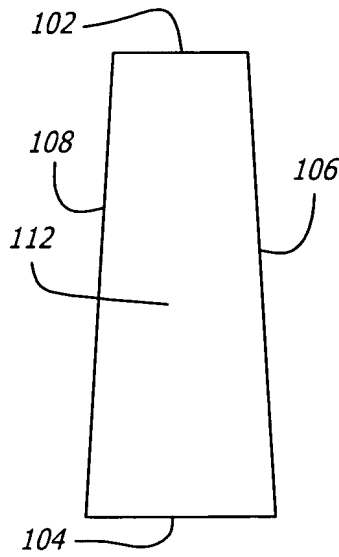


FIG. 5B

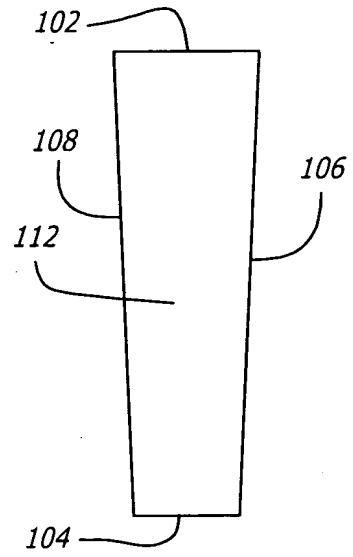
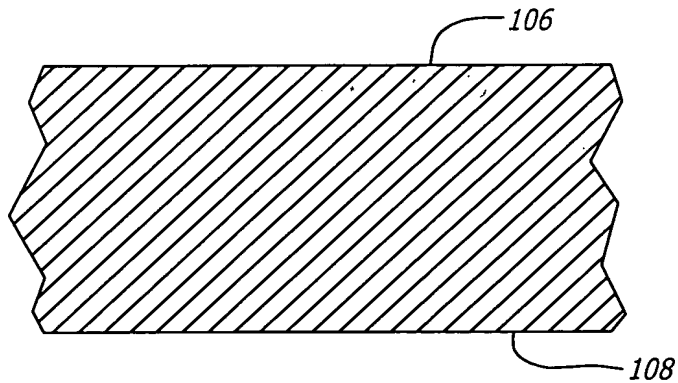


FIG. 5C

FIG. 6



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